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## NJMC AWARDS \$32,000 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

**LYNDHURST, N.J.** – The Board of Commissioners of the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission awarded \$32,000 in scholarships today to 16 college-bound students who live in Meadowlands District municipalities.

“I congratulate the young men and women who have received college scholarships from the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission,” said NJMC Acting Chairman Charles Richman, who also serves as Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. “Their dedication to their studies and acceptance to college are a fine example for younger students that hard work pays off.”

The NJMC’s Science Scholarship Award assists college-bound high school seniors who demonstrate high academic achievement and plan to major in a science-related field. Eligible students must maintain a B average, participate in community service and write a 500-word essay on the importance of science, technology and education. The program is in its third year.

“Rewarding our best and brightest students with scholarships is something I look forward to every year,” said NJMC Executive Director Bob Ceberio. “These young people have worked extremely hard the past four years and the NJMC is proud to honor their achievements and support their future education.”

The students who were awarded scholarships are listed below by hometown, followed by the high school from which they graduated this year and the college or university they will attend this fall:

- **Carlstadt:** Sabrina Benteftifa, Becton Regional High School, Cornell University; Andrea Lopez, Bergen County Academies, Cornell University.
- **East Rutherford:** Hak Jung Cho, Becton Regional High School, Boston College; Melissa Lahullier, Bergen County Academies, Boston College.

- **Jersey City:** Emma Kate Tichenor, Dr. Ronald E. McNair Academic High School, Dalhousie University.
- **Kearny:** Christina Cheung, Kearny High School, Smith College; Brendon Thomas McKeon, High Tech High School (North Bergen), Columbia University.
- **Lyndhurst:** Nicole Vendola, Lyndhurst High School, Montclair State University.
- **North Arlington:** Francine Jaume, North Arlington High School, University of Maryland; Meryam Attaalla, North Arlington High School, Rutgers University Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy; Robert McClintock Jr., Bergen County Academies, Rutgers University.
- **Ridgefield:** Kyong Eun Park, Ridgefield Memorial High School, Georgia Institute of Technology.
- **Rutherford:** Kristen Hastie, Rutherford High School, The College of New Jersey.
- **Secaucus:** Adam Mustafa, Secaucus High School, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- **South Hackensack:** Carolina Herrera, Hackensack High School, Kean University; Stephanie Rita Arena, Hackensack High School, Fairleigh Dickinson University.

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